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## Casting About

The Russians say — Lodgins invented the electric bulb — Yablockov the flashlight — Ussagin the transformer — Lazrenko his wife — Tass, the Soviet News Agency, said they are inventors — they can't be — it's only a Notre Dame backfield — they Russians have also invented a ball point pen — it writes under vodka — they also invented the steel in girdles — they also invented the radio — it has an automatic cut-off — when the word — "capitalist" comes through it shuts off — when Henry Agard Wallace comes through — one ruble comes out — they also invented one way radar — it picks up a veto 3000 miles away — transmits it to the Kremlin — Joe's mustache picks it up — Winston Churchill, invented the "iron curtain" — Joe invented the "iron" — they also invented Kotikov — who can speak four hours without rewinding — they also invented Americans who bite Germans — but who stuffed the first hot dogs — who invented the first juke box — who deigned the pinball machine — who invented Lana Turner — who is Sylvia — we

should hear from the steppes anytime now — they also invented the jet engine — propelled by three members of the Soviet News Agency — blowing hard — and doing the dog paddle — they also invented "democracy" — they have a twenty year course in Siberia — tuition paid for by the state — how to mine salt in twenty easy years — there are few non-Russian inventions left — the fire sale — Coco Cola — Bromo Seltzer — Jack Benny — the cheeseburger — it is rumored that the Russians have the secret of the Yo-Yo — or will have it in five years — Russia wants us to destroy our Yo-Yos — but refuse to reveal the source of Yo-Yo stockpile — they have not yet claimed credit for the Yo-Yo — when they do — that will complete the list — it is rumored that — a descendant of Karl Marx tried to cut Joe's Yo-Yo string — next thing we know — Don Ameche will play Don Ameche playing Joe Stalin — as the inventor of the telephone — quick, Watson — a needle full of Russian pencil —

## 75 Piece Band To Lead Parade Memorial Day Observance Sunday

Northfield's Memorial Day observance and parade will be highlighted by the appearance of the 75 piece Orange High School Band.

## 'Uncle Josh' Welcomes In 'Old Homestead'

Other plays may come and go but "The Old Homestead" an immortal play is destined to go on forever. Again this year the production is scheduled for three performances, July 16, 17, and 18, in the "Potash Bowl" at Swansey, New Hampshire and Willard Thompson, leading citizen of Swansey, will have the role of Uncle Josh.



Captain Willard Thompson as Uncle Josh

Reservation of seats for the seventh annual performance can now be made and as a large crowd of summer visitors and residents of this town will be included in the capacity audience. Denman Thompson lived in Swansey and here he found the characters and the incidents forming and shaping up the play.

Those who have visited in previous years will never forget the "Old Homestead" with its rural personalities, the singing, the off-drawn hayload, the lighting effects and the real full moon. It is possible that stage loads will again be arranged to carry folks to the place from Northfield. Detail announcement will be made later.

## New York Marriage

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss June Nelson, daughter of Mrs. Ernest Ingersoll of New York City, to Oscar da la Rosa, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Saturna de la Rosa of Havana, Cuba, on Sunday, May 16, at the home of the bride by the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Polling as officiating minister.

The bride is a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls and is engaged in the real estate business and her husband is a composer. Miss Nelson, well known here, is a descendant of William Ford, the founder of Louisville, Ky., and her family are related to Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. Stonewall Jackson. The couple will make their home in New York.

## Dress Rehearsal Of G. & S's, "Pinafore"

Friends of the Northfield Schools are invited to attend the dress rehearsal of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pinafore" which will be held Friday night, June 4, at 8:30 in the Auditorium. The doors will open at 8:15 p. m. The public will also be welcomed to attend the Saturday night performance at which admission will be charged. Since the students and their parents are receiving the first opportunity to purchase tickets, only a limited number of good seats will be available to the public on Saturday night.

Sunday guest speakers at the Northfield Schools will be Dr. Herbert M. Gale of Wellesley College in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock and Rt. Rev. Norman B. Nash, bishop of Massachusetts, in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 o'clock.

Sunday, May 30, Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest preacher at the morning service at the Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., and that same day, Dr. Park will speak at the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, N. J., in the afternoon.

## High School News

The Northfield School Committee approved a subscription to the STORY OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, now being written and edited by Harry Andrew Wright of the Lewis Historical Publishing Company, to be delivered in 1949. This will be incorporated into the 1949 budget and placed in the high school.

Superintendent Taylor was requested by the Committee to write to the managers of all baseball teams, asking that they engage glaziers to replace all windows broken by their teams after June first. Increased breakage from baseball practices and games has occurred with more frequent use of the field and the work involved to replace the broken glass requires more time than our custodial staff can devote to it.

The Northfield High School Glee Club will present a concert at the Town Hall on Friday evening, June fourth, at 8 p. m. Tickets will be sold by members of the Glee Club.

## The Northfield Schools Grant 342 Diplomas At Exercises June 7

EAST NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Schools will grant diplomas to 342 graduates at Commencement exercises on June 7. A full week end of events is scheduled at Northfield School for Girls and the Mt. Hermon Commencement program will open with the senior banquet at the Hotel Welton on June 3. The Commencement speakers will be Dr. Edwin O. Kennedy, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, N. J., at Northfield and at Mt. Hermon Dr. Richard M. Gummere, chairman of the Committee on Admissions at Harvard University.

The Mt. Hermon program will also include the following events: The Alumni Assembly Friday noon, a baseball game with Deerfield Academy Saturday at 3 p. m., Sunday at 10:30 a. m. the Baccalaureate address with Headmaster Howard L. Rubendall preaching, at 3:30 p. m. Class Day exercises, 4:00 to 5:30 p. m. faculty reception, and at 8:30 p. m. a recital by the music department. The Monday morning Commencement exercises will be held at 10:30.

At Northfield School for Girls the program will begin on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. with a swimming exhibition and the last assembly

will be held at 3:30 p. m. Students of both schools will present Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Pinafore" Saturday night at 8:30 in the Auditorium. Admission will be charged. The Communion service will be held at 7:30 a. m. on Sunday in Russell Sage Chapel and other Sunday events include the Baccalaureate service at 11:30 a. m. when Miss Mira B. Wilson, the principal, will preach the annual Baccalaureate sermon. Admission to this event is by ticket. At 3:45 p. m. there will be an informal reception to seniors, their guests and alumni at Miss Wilson's home, at 8 p. m. an Hour of Music by the Music Department faculty and at 9:30 p. m. the Lantern service. The Commencement exercises on Monday morning will begin at 11 o'clock.

An art exhibit by students in the Art Department in the Home Science building will be open at the following hours: Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 p. m., Sunday 12:45 - 1:30 p. m. and 3 - 5:30 p. m.

Dr. Kennedy is well known in Presbyterian Church circles having served one time as moderator of the Synod of Wisconsin and as a commissioner to the General Assembly of the church. He has also been active in social work and served in both World Wars. He was an exchange preacher to Great Britain in 1932 and has traveled extensively. Prior to his present pastorate, he served for ten years as minister of Christ Presbyterian Church of Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Gummere has held his present position at Harvard, where he also is a Latin lecturer, since 1935. Prior to that he was headmaster of William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia for seventeen years. He is a graduate of Haverford College, the author of "Seneca the Philosopher and his Modern Message" and a translator of many of Seneca's books.

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## P. T. A. News

The Northfield P. T. A. was represented by nine members at the annual meeting of the Bernardston P. T. A. last Monday, May 24. The speaker was Dr. M. B. Low of Greenfield, who gave a frank talk on "Sex education from childhood through adolescence" in home and school.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 30, Memorial Day parade and observance, 2:30 p. m. Baseball game Northfield A. A. at Shelburne.
- May 31, Boy Scouts.
- June 1, Softball, Thayer at N. H. S. Girls, 3:30.
- June 2, The Alliance Food Sale, Unitarian Church, 3 p. m. Baseball, Northfield at Hanovers, 6:30 p. m. N. H. S. at Thayer High school.
- June 3, Softball, Greenfield at N. H. S. Girls, 3:30.
- June 4, Fortnightly Food Sale at Alexander Hall.
- Baseball, Hanovers at Northfield, 6:30 p. m.
- Baseball, Ashfield at N. H. S. at 3 p. m.
- "Sadie Hawkins" dance at Union Hall, 8 p. m.
- June 6, Baseball, So. Deerfield at Northfield, 2:30 p. m.
- June 8, Baseball, Shelburne Falls at Northfield, 6:30.
- Baseball, N. H. S. at New Salem.
- June 10, Baseball, N. H. S. at Ashfield.
- June 11, Baseball at Northfield, 6:30.
- June 12, Northfield High School Baccalaureate Service in Congregational Church.
- June 16-25, SUN PROBE Northfield Girls' Conference.

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### Memorial Day

Sunday is Memorial Day. Many men will turn back their thoughts a few years and pay silent tribute to comrades who never came back. Whatever differences might arise in the minds of men about the present or the future, there should be unanimity when saluting the men of the past.

Memorial services will be held throughout the country, indeed throughout the world, to honor brave, heroic, and now silent men.

What greater inspiration will you ever have for making a better world than when taps are played over the thousands of graves all over the world.

Walk away with your thoughts to some lonely alcove, think what these men would have you do, if they could ask, in payment for the debt we owe to them.

Pay your tribute on Memorial Day; even though it can only be a part payment — the rest of the payment can be made in the days ahead.

### A Community Forum

"A good thing to remember,  
And a better thing to do,  
Is to work with the construction gang  
And no a wrecking crew."

In his issue readers will find a "questionnaire" requesting topics for a discussion group to be conducted in this community next month. If you have suggestions to make in the way of topics, or the manner in which these forums should be conducted, the PRESS welcomes your ideas.

Many of our social ills are due to the failure of our citizens to practice in their daily lives the democratic principles which they believe to be the ideal way of life. The discrepancy between our beliefs and our conduct is due to inadequate information, misinformation, apathy, citizenship, and a failure to "think things through" or "talk things over."

In order to inform ourselves, and to promote better understanding of our fellowmen and our institutions, the PRESS invites the entire community to participate in these public forums.

### Pedestrians Problems

Now that the rains have gone, at least for awhile. Now that the grass is greener and the trees are thicker with leaves, it does no harm to repeat a few words from last week's letter from "The Hiker" who suggested that more benches be placed around Northfield for the rest and enjoyment of the strollers.

Of course there are some here and there, but a few more would not mar the natural beauties of the street — it would only enhance the qualities already present.

Perhaps someone would have a suggestion as to how these benches could be secured, either through gifts from the thoughtful citizens or through some action by the Selectmen.

### New Citizens

Born Monday morning, May 24, 1946, at Whitinsville, Mass., a son, Gilbert Evans Fuller, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Fuller of Whitinsville, Mass., a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Potts of East Northfield.

## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

### Thank You

Haven H. Spencer Post

American Legion,

Northfield, Mass.

Mrs. Potts and I want you to know how much we appreciate all that the American Legion in Northfield did in connection with the funeral services of our son, PFC. Gilbert Evans Potts, in North Andover on Saturday.

The Hurley Boys and Ted Powell were very cooperative and I really mean it when I say we were very proud of them. They fitted in very nicely with the North Andover Legion and made quite a hit with the people down here.

We appreciate too, the beautiful wreath which was sent by the Haven H. Spencer Post 179.

For all that you did, we want to say, "Thank you so much."

Sincerely yours,

Louis M. Potts

## THIS IS FOR LISTENING

The following short essay is from the magazine, "Driftwood," reprinted here by permission of the author, Sylvia H. Bliss.

### Time

There was first the clock on the stair. It struck three, gravely, deliberately, as became its station, the path leading upward.

This clock was evidently forehanded by several minutes — seven to be exact as that length of time elapsed before the kitchen clock struck, briskly, rather harshly as if partaking of its iron and tin environment. Scarcely had its tones died when the parlor clock chimed in, its delicate silvery voice emanating from a fanciful French habitation of gilt and flowered porcelain. Were these also forehanded, too fast, as we say? A pause, then sonorously, with waits between strokes, giving time for the reverberations to register — as befitted its position on the chapel of the girls' school, the fourth announcer of time broke the night's silence.

What in reality was the exact time? Which clock conformed to the established standard?

I considered the timepieces of the world, the various contrivances for making available the unmeasured fabric of existence. Crude, their beginning. The gradual shortening of the candle, the flow of liquid or of sand through a small aperture, a shadow on a dial, and at length the mechanism of a clock and the delicate chronometer marking half seconds as they pass.

Is time man's invention? The musician's metronome-pulse is regular but registers no progress. It is the pulse of eternity rather than of time. The timepieces of the world, so various in their indication of the hour that it all could be heard at once their differences would blend in a continuous roar — what is their foundation? Nature marks years by alternation of cold and heat, days by sunrise and sunset. Hours, minutes, and seconds seem man's invention for his own convenience, an imposition on the majestic slow-moving universe with its stately flow of suns and planets, of the petty concerns and haste of little men.

Yet they meet in marvelous concurrence. To a second man forces the sun's eclipse.

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The writing of this column, which I shall be leaving with regret in another two weeks, has been somewhat of an education. In an effort to be accurate and thorough I have learned many new and interesting things. Latest on the list is the fact that Decoration Day or Memorial Day is not celebrated on May 30th in many states. In Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi, the graves of the soldiers of the Civil War, the Spanish-American, and of the two World Wars, are decorated on April 26th, in South Carolina on May 10, in Kentucky, Louisiana and Tennessee on June 3rd, and on November 2nd in the Canal Zone. Many southern states distinguish the holiday as "Confederate Memorial Day" and it was first observed as a national fête day by the Grand Army of the Republic in 1868.

For your Memorial Day reading we will feature a number of books containing poems and stories appropriate to the occasion. In "Highdays & Holidays", by Florence Adams and Elizabeth McCarrick we find the "Blue and Gray" by Francis Miles Finch, "The New Memorial Day," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. In "Good Stories for Great Holidays" we have "Betsy Ross and the Flag," by Henry Pringle Ford, "The Little Drummer Boy," by Albert Bushnell Hart. (A romance of the Civil War), "General Scott and the Stars and Stripes" by E. D. Townsend.

We will also have on display a scrapbook of Civil War envelopes, long cherished in my family. They were collected by my grandfather and passed to me by my father. All the states in the union seemed to have vied with one another for picturesque letter-covers, alive with cartoons, slogans and historical drawings. We hope that you will find time to come in and see our treasure!

B. H. B.

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This period saw the erection of two forts, one in the locality of the first stockade, now the region of Main street, near Maple street, and the other just south of Mill Brook. The law required all men between 16 and 60 to share in night watches and day alertness and scouting. In peace, the forts were under the constable's authority, the first constable this time being a surveyor, Micah Mudge; however in war time the military took over the forts.

Other needs were met by provisions for grist and saw mills on Mill Brook, which today divides the Northfield and East Northfield post office districts. Land was provided for a burying ground, for ministers home lot and meadow, and for "Smith".

In 1688, tax was levied for meeting house and bridge. The latter was not over the Connecticut. A ferry to Moose Plain meadow was provided, the bridge being to cross Mill Brook. In spite of the efforts, 40 families were not found willing to venture to Northfield at this time. This made some 20 families who did come to bear a great hardship.

(To be continued)

## THIS WAYWARD COIL

### THE PRINTER

Behold the Printer. He is hunting for a Pickup of half a Line. He has been Hunting for Two Hours. He could have Set the half Line in Twenty Seconds, but it is a Matter of Principle with him Never to set what he Can pick up. The Printer has a Hard Time. He has to Set Type all Night, and Play Pedro for the Root Beer all day. We would Like to be a Printer were it not for the Night Work.

### THE FIVE-CENT CIGAR

What Smells so? Has somebody been burning a Rag, or is there a Dead Mule in the Bark yard? No, the Man is smoking a five-Cent Cigar. The Cigar has a Breath on him like the Chimes of Normandy or a salted cheese Factory. It is strong enough to raise a mortgage or Lack a postage stamp. The man will chew a piece of Asefetida by and by to take the Taste of the Cigar out of his mouth.

### THE PIONIC AND THE PIE

Here we have a Picnic. Is it not Jolly? The children are Running around and Playing Tag. But where is the Custard Pie? A moment ago it was Under the Elm Tree. Can it be that Mr. Jones is Sitting on the Custard Pie? Alas, it is too True! And Miss Smith is laughing At him. He looks as Badly Broke up as the Pie, does he Not?

### DAISY AND JAMES

Daisy is crying. Poor little Girl, we are sorry for her. James has Hit her in the Eye with a Dornick. Fle on James to Do so, and Fle on Daisy not to Hit him back. Will Daisy pray for James to-night? No. She will Pull the Slats from his Bed, so he will Fall and Break his Arm on the Floor. That will be Right, will it not, Children?

### JOHNNIE AND THE PEARS

Mamma had two Pears. She Gave One to Johnnie and Put the Other on the Pantry Shelf. Johnnie ate his Pear and Cried for the Other. No, said the Cruel Mamma, you cannot have it, for I am going to Eat it all by Myself and not Give anybody a Bite. But Johnny was too Smart for Mamma. When she Went into the Parlor, he Stole into the Pantry and tried to knock the Pear down with a Broom. He had hard work, but after breaking some Crockery and several Goblets, his Perseverance was Rewarded and down came the Pear. He ate it all up Quick and it tasted awful good. Johnny told Mamma the Cat had Eaten the Pear and Broken the Dishes, but what Mamma gave Johnny was not a new Velocipede. Little boys, let us Try to do Like good little Johnny and our Mammies will feel for us.

## Author Flying East From Montana

Mrs. Carroll Eikert of Mount Hermon has learned from her sister, Mrs. Paul A. Grieder of Boston, Montana, that she plans to fly East this week to attend a high school reunion at Rockport, Massachusetts. Following this

Mrs. Grieder's departure for a year in China. Mrs. Grieder is the wife of Professor Paul A. Grieder of Montana State University. Under the name of Naomi Lane Babson, Mrs. Grieder is the author of three novels and numerous short stories, one of which is currently appearing in Redbook Magazine. Professor and Mrs. Grieder will spend their

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## In The Churches

**UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler  
Minister

10 a. m. Sunday School. Mrs. Carroll Miller Sup't. This is the last Sunday that classes will be held until fall. June 6th is Children's Sunday and all children will come to church instead of Sunday School that day.

11 a. m. Church Service and Sermon. Choir anthem — patriotic selection. Sermon — "The Only Way in which to Celebrate Memorial Day."

The American Unitarian Youth Group will hold their final meeting at the parsonage, weather permitting.

There will be special music on Memorial Day Sunday, with Miss Florence Colby, cellist, playing two selections.

June 3rd is the date for the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Associate Alliance, at the Unitarian Church in Hartford, Conn., at 10:30 a. m. There will be business of importance during the morning session — a box luncheon at 12:30 p. m., with an address in the afternoon by Rev. Vilma Svantho Harrington of New York City on "Transylvania, the Cradle of Unitarianism". It is expected that some of the local Alliance members will attend.

The Alliance Food Sale, scheduled for last Wednesday, will be held at 3 o'clock, Wednesday, June 2, at the church.

**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
9:00 a. m. Junior Choir rehearsal  
10:00 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.  
11:00 a. m. Public worship. Memorial Sunday Service. Sermon Subject, "Meaningful Memorials." Nursery for pre-school age children.

6:00 p. m. Young People meet at the Church to go for a postponed outdoors Stations-of-the-Cross Service. This will be the concluding meeting for this season.

Wednesday, 3:30 p. m. Cradle Roll and Beginners party in the vestry. This includes all pre-school age children and their mothers who are in the parish.

**ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor  
Masses: First Sunday of Month,

8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

**ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

South Vernon, Vt.  
Rev. Edwin W. Blackstone

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. E. W. Blackstone, Pastor.

11:45 a. m. Sunday School.  
6:30 p. m. Loyal workers meeting.  
7:30 p. m. Evening service, will be a Union service observing Memorial Day with Gaylord W. Douglass as guest speaker.

School children have been invited to have a part in the program.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Mission meeting.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Girl Scouts meeting.

Thursday, 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting.

Saturday, Girl Scouts Play Day at Greenfield.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor

10:30 a. m. Sunday Service — "Following in the Footsteps of Good Men."

11:30 a. m. Sunday School.  
Tuesday Evening. Monthly meeting of the W.M.S., at the home of Mrs. Florence Janes.

Wednesday evening prayer service at 7:30, at the home of Mrs. Florence Janes.

### Run for the Hills "Sadie Hawkins" Day

Head for the woods, men, "Sadie Hawkins" Day is near.

On June 4, at 8 p. m., the Community Club No. 4, will hold a "Sadie Hawkins" dance, with music by Richotte's orchestra.

Dog Patch will be brought to Union Hall, Northfield Farms, for the evening with the hall being decorated in appropriate manner for the occasion.

It is hoped that all attending will enter into the spirit of the evening and come dressed in Dog Patch style. Prizes will be awarded for the costumes having the "newest look in Dog Patch styles."

Charles Leach will assist in decorating the hall. Tickets will be on sale at the Coffee Shop, the Drug Store and the Tenney Store. "Marrying Sam" will be there for those who care.

## POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

## WE KEEP MEMORIAL DAY

When the May has culled her flowers for the summer waiting long.

And the breath of early roses wows the hedges into song,  
Comes the throb of martial music and the banners in the street,  
And the marching of the millions bearing garlands fair and sweet — 'Tis the Sabbath of the Nation, 'Tis the floral feast of May!

In remembrance of our heroes, We keep Memorial Day.

They are sleeping in the valleys, they are sleeping 'neath the sea, They are sleeping by the thousands till the royal reveille;

Let us know them, let us name them, let us honor one and all, For they loved us and they saved us, springing at the bugle call; Let us sound the song and cymbal, wreath the immortelles and bay.

In fervor of thanksgiving, We keep Memorial Day.

Kate Brownlee Sherwood.

### Visiting Day Proved Profitable

The Northfield School Committee at its meeting Saturday, May 22, heard a report from Superintendent Taylor concerning visiting day, which was held on May twelfth. He reported that the high school teachers visited the following systems: Amherst, Williamsburg, Northampton, Greenfield, and Keene, New Hampshire. The elementary teachers visited the Mark Hopkins Training School at North Adams, the Wheelock Training School in Keene, New Hampshire, and the Day Street Training School in Fitchburg.

The high school teachers made written reports of their visits, enumerating new methods and procedures observed. They will at a later meeting discuss with their colleagues their findings.

The elementary teachers met with Superintendent Taylor at a special meeting and discussed at length techniques used in grades one to six in the various schools they visited. Curriculum revisions and changes which were of interest to them were noted.

Superintendent Taylor feels that

the day was a profitable one, since it gave our staff an opportunity to observe methods which vary from those we use ourselves. These visits further impress the teachers with current changes which are taking place in the field of education today. Many teachers have asked that the visiting day become an annual practice.

## The Flag Speaks

(Flag Day is the 14th of June)

Born during the Nation's infancy, I have grown with it, my stars increasing in number as the country has grown in size; the domain over which I wave expanding until the sun on my flying folds, now never sets.

Filled with significance are my colors of red, white and blue, into which have been woven the strength and courage of American manhood, the love and loyalty of American womanhood.

Stirring are the stories of my stars and stripes.

I symbolize the soul of America, typifying her ideals and aspirations, her institutions and traditions.

I have faith in the value of the common man and believe his possibilities are infinite.

I reflect the wealth and grandeur of this great Land of Opportunity.

I represent the Declaration of Independence.

I stand for the Constitution of the United States. I signify the law of the land. I tell the achievements and progress of the American people in art and science, culture and literature, invention and commerce, transportation and industry.

I control the strong, protect the weak, relieve the suffering, and do all I can for the betterment of mankind.

I stand for peace and good will among the nations of the world.

I believe in tolerance. I stand for a big and broad patriotism and a rational nationalism. I wave exultantly over the schoolhouse of the land, for education is the keynote of the Nation and the schoolroom is my citadel. I am the badge of the Nation's greatness and the emblem of its destiny. Threaten me and millions will spring to my protection.

I AM THE AMERICAN FLAG.

National Defense News

## Obituaries

**HILDA (Thankmar) ANDERSON**

The funeral of Mrs. Hilda (Thankmar) Anderson, who died at her home on Warwick avenue Tuesday at 7 a. m., was held Thursday at 4:30 p. m. in the Kidder Funeral Parlor. Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiated.

She was the wife of John M. Anderson and was born in Engleholm, Sweden, April 26, 1879, the daughter of John and Petronella (Pearson) Thankmar, and came to this country when 14. She was married to John M. Anderson on July 16, 1898, and was a member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Nellie of Arlington Heights and Northfield and Mrs. Ruth Kinney of Springfield; two sons, Frank at home and Albert of this town; one grandson, James, and two nieces, Mrs. Clyde Matern of East Northfield and Mrs. Gunnar Anderson of Bergenfield, N. J.

Burial was in the family lot in Center Cemetery here.

**MRS. MABEL JOHNSON**

Mrs. Mabel (Kendall) Johnson, 60, died at her home on Main street at 5:45 a. m. Tuesday following a long illness. She was the wife of Charles L. Johnson.

She was born, April 4, 1888, in Westmoreland, N. H., and was married in Brattleboro to Charles L. Johnson, Nov. 21, 1907. She came here in July that year and spent the rest of her life in this town.

She was a member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church, OES, Fortnightly Club, Book club, and Women's Guild.

Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Harold Young, and a son, Myron, of Akron, Ohio, daughter, Kathryn, and son, Stanley, both of this town, two grandchildren in West Springfield and a brother, Harry Kendall of Greenfield.

Funeral services were Thursday at 2 p. m. in the Trinitarian Congregational Church with Rev. Joseph Reeves officiating. Bearers were George Pefferle, Dr. Richard Holton, George McEwan, and Clarence Steadler of Dalton. George M. Kidder had charge of arrangements.

**MARY (Alexander) HOLTON**

Mary Alexander Holton, 74, widow of the late Henry C. Holton, died Monday, May 24, 1948, at the Bronson Nursing Home.

She was one of ten children of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Alexander and was born in the Alexander homestead, built in 1776, on Main street, Northfield. She attended the local schools and was a graduate of the Northfield Seminary, Class of 1891. Mrs. Holton was a registered pharmacist before her marriage and practiced in Webster's Drug Store.

During most of her married life she lived on the Holton farm on the Bernardston road and following the death of her husband lived in Springfield, and then finally at the Bronson Nursing Home.

She was an active member of the Unitarian Church, and served as organist at many of the services. She was also a member of the Northfield chapter of the O. E. S. and the Fortnightly.

Surviving are: sons, Theodore R. Holton, of Auburn, and Henry C. Holton of West Hartford, Conn.; grandchildren, Richard, Ruth, Irene and Kenneth; sisters, Mrs. C. H. Webster, Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander of South Pasadena, Calif., and a number of nephews and nieces.

Services were held at the Unitarian Church, Wednesday with Rev. Mrs. Hazel Rogers Gredler officiating, and Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, organist. Bearers were Theodore Holton, Henry C. Holton, Richard Holton, and L. Percy Goodspeed.

The body will be taken to Springfield for cremation and will be interred at a later date in the family lot at the Mount Hermon cemetery.

## Dies At Age of 82

**MRS. JOHN DOULL MILLER**

Mrs. John Doull Miller of Madison avenue in New York City, died on April 30, at her home after a long illness, at the age of 82 years. She was the mother of Miss Mildred Howells Miller of this town, a member of the artists colony whose studio is located on Pine street opposite the museum of the Historical Society. Mrs. Miller was the widow of the late John Doull Miller, former president of the importing and exporting firm of the Doull Miller Co. of New York.

Mrs. Miller was active in the Labrador Branch of the Needlework Guild of America and in the Presbyterian church of which she

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## SPORTS NEWS

## BORDER BASEBALL LEAGUE

## STANDING (boys)

	W	L	Pct.
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Northfield	3	1	.750
Hinsdale	1	2	.333
Powers	0	3	.000

## Franklin County Baseball

## League Standing

	W	L	Pct.
Northfield	3	0	1.000
Russell's Cafe	3	0	1.000
Hanover A. C.	1	0	1.000
Sacred Hearts	1	1	.500
Monarch A. C.	1	2	.333
Shelburne Falls	0	0	.000
Montague A. A.	0	1	.000
Cohran	0	1	.000
Montague City	0	2	.000
South Deerfield	0	2	.000

Note: \* Denotes tie game played.

## Legion Baseball

The Haven H. Spencer Post has a committee of Ted Powell, Harold Briesmaster and John Spencer working on the initial organization of Junior Legion baseball team in Northfield.

The Legion baseball program, which is nation wide, has the backing of the Ford Motor Company, in that they encourage their local dealers to take an active part in promoting the teams.

Ross L. Spencer, local Ford dealer, was instrumental last year in establishing Junior Legion baseball in Northfield, and has offered further aid to the Spencer post in fostering this worthwhile endeavor for boys under 17.

It is hoped that other merchants and businessmen in town take an active part in promoting the team, for the Legion committee will make every effort to get the program under way in the near future.

Any interested persons are requested to call Ted Powell if they can in any way assist the committee.

## Town Topics

Miss Alice Lane of New York City, will occupy her cottage Woodwinds, on Pine road, Rustic Ridge over Decoration Day. She will have as her guest, Miss Hazel Randall of Tarrytown, New York.

## Gilbert Evans Potts Buried in N. Andover

Mr. and Mrs. Louis N. Potts, of East Northfield, attended the funeral of their late son, PFC. Gilbert Evans Potts, in North Andover last Saturday afternoon. Friday night they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stillings, parents of the late Deborah Stillings Potts, wife of PFC. Potts.

The North Andover American Legion Post 219 was in charge of the ceremonies. The post acted as escort for the body from the Lawrence station and also posted a guard of honor at the Julius B. Emmert Funeral Home, Friday evening, and assisted Rev. Clinton Carvell of the North Andover Presbyterian Congregation Church with the funeral and commitment services Saturday afternoon.

PFC. Gilbert Evans Potts was buried with full military honors beside his late wife in Ridgewood cemetery, North Andover.

The Haven H. Spencer Post No. 179 of Northfield was represented by Edward and Thomas Hurley and Edward M. Powell, Jr.

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## A. Y. H. News

The group of 11 leadership scholars from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Czechoslovakia have arrived in New York City and have been spending the week seeing the sights of the City. They have been conducted by an ardent hosteler, Dr. Reese; their itinerary has included all the usual points of interest in New York City in addition to a visit to the United Nations and lunch in the Rainbow Room as personal guests of John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, President of the American Youth Hostel, Inc. The group, all boys, will bicycle to Northfield this next week, stopping at hostels in New York and the New England States, and plan to arrive in Northfield on Saturday, June 5. They will take part in the leader's training course which is offered by the Travel Service Division at National Headquarters as a requirement for all leaders. At completion of the course they will return as leaders of American groups of hostellers.

The new housemother for the Northfield Hostel, Mrs. Elisabeth Salisbury, has arrived from England and will resume her duties at the hostel over this week end.

The Parent-Teachers Ass'n of Montague heard the story of hostelling last Tuesday evening as told by Bill Nelson, with the help of colored movies. The movies will also be shown to the Girl Scout Council of Westboro, Mass., on Wednesday night, and at a Community meeting in Northampton on Friday night.

Because of a suddenly developed shortage in transportation, passage on the student ships will not be available to all A. Y. H. groups. Therefore, A. Y. H. is booking passage through Youth Argosy, Incorporated. Further details on this plan will be presented next week.

## Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Wood of San Gabriel California are at their home here on Main street for the summer.

Miss Eleanor Peck, who has been studying at the Biblical Seminary in New York during the past winter has returned here to open her cottage "Adahl". After visiting her friends she will leave for New Orleans by rail to take a plane to Guatemala to visit her parents there. Miss Peck will return to Northfield accompanied by her sister, Dorothy who will enter

school in Philadelphia in the fall. Miss Peck will be married in St. George's Chapel in late August.

Mrs. Maud N. Voris, with her daughter, Mrs. John Leostadius, and young son, John, have arrived at their summer cottage in Mountaint Park for the vacation season.

The grounds about the fire ruins of the house on the Hinsdale road owned by the Northfield Schools near the state line, have been graded and the old chimneys pulled down. The house was destroyed last Armistice Day.

The rainy and wet weather has interfered with the grading of the grounds of the new Northfield Auto movie park on the Hinsdale road. The large screen now towers in the air some forty feet and carpenters work whenever possible to complete the structure. A well is being sunk near the center of the property.

Miss Lucy F. Jackson of Madison, N. J., has arrived at her cottage in Rustic Ridge to spend the summer.

Commencement activities of the University of Massachusetts will be held at Amherst from June 4 to 7. Alumni Day will be Saturday and the program of graduation on Monday. Dr. Ralph Van Meter, president, expects a large return of visitors.

Miss Naomi Markley of New York City arrived last week end for a summer stay at her cottage on Pine road on Rustic Ridge.

## West Northfield

The Bible Reading Class was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tracy with 14 present. After the study hour, Rev. E. W. Blackstone presented the Tracys with a revised version of the New Testament, expressing regrets at their plans to leave town next week.

Rev. E. W. Blackstone went to Palmer last Saturday to attend a meeting of the board of managers of the Central Massachusetts Camp Meeting Association.

Rev. and Mrs. George Osmond of California were guests at the Vernon Home last Sunday.

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